

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
4-01-09: 10:00 A.M. LACSI Meeting Room**

Agenda:

1. Announcement of events
2. Make recommendation regarding Advisory Board and by-laws
3. NRC; data collection
4. Modification of listserv
5. Willson Center speakers and working group
6. Visiting professors

Present: Paul Duncan
Dr. Doris Kadish
Dr. Betina Kaplan
Dr. Nicolás Lucero
Dr. Paul Matthews
Dr. Maria Navarro
Emily Parker
Dr. Sergio Quesada
Kathleen Schmaltz

Meeting began at 10:00 AM with opening remarks by Dr. Kadish.

New Business:

- Dr. Kadish began the meeting by discussing upcoming lectures by visiting professors, including Dr. Daniel Desormeaux, who will be speaking on April 14; Dr. Jeffrey Lesser, whose remarks from the cancelled event due to the snowstorm will be read in his absence (April 8 at 3:35); and Dr. De La Peña, currently visiting professor of Anthropology at Emory, who will be speaking on April 17 about Indian communities and cultural identity.
- Paul Duncan discussed the Tinker Awards, which will be distributing \$20,000 this year to 9 departments representing 9 Latin American countries for travel and research.
- As had previously been mentioned, the meeting between David Nugent and the Sponsored Programs at Emory has been delayed. Dr. Kadish will update the board as information becomes available.
- Dr. Kadish continued the discussion about the status of the Advisory Board as recommended in the PRAC report.. Dr. Kadish proposed options to suggest to the Advisory Board about their future role in LACSI at their meeting on April 10.
- The committee discussed the issue of the LACSI listserv and its role in sharing pertinent information. The concern was raised that too much information not pertinent to LACSI functions was being sent on the listserv. In the future, it was suggested that there be two listservs, one more academic

and professional matters, and the other which would include all information regarding Latin American and Latino outreach in Georgia. Also, at the beginning of the semester, there would be a statement about the purpose of the listservs and instructions on how to remove oneself from them.

- Dr. Kadish said that she would provide Willson Center updates as they became available.
- While discussing the NRC grant proposal, Dr. Kadish raised the concern about data collection. The committee brainstormed ideas for the best and most efficient methods of collecting data from the faculty, some of which included having the deans of each college calling for the data, and potentially going through the bulletin for information on classes pertaining to Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Dr. Lucero said he would ask Dr. Balderston what some good methods for data collection would be. The next step would be to ask Emory to collect data in the same fashion so as to allow for easier merging of data for the proposal.
- Dr. Kadish reported that David Smilde had volunteered to be involved in an ad-hoc committee to identify funding sources for visiting professorships. There was general enthusiasm for such an effort.

Meeting ended at 11:00 A.M. with closing remarks by Dr. Kadish.

Minutes recorded by Emily Parker, 4-1-09.